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Claims

1. A bovine beta-casein gene targeting vector comprising (1) a first region having a length of 5 to 12 kb which is homologous to the promoter and its flanking nucleic acid sequences of bovine beta-casein gene, and comprising exon 1, intron 1, and exon 2 of bovine beta-casein gene; (2) a region for cloning a nucleic acid coding for desired proteins; (3) a region for coding a positive selection marker; (4) a second region having a length of 2.8 to 3.5 kb which is homologous to the nucleic acid sequences of bovine beta-casein gene, and comprising exon 5, 6, 7 and 8, and intron 5, 6 and 7 of bovine beta-casein gene; wherein the nucleic acid segment corresponding to the first region upstream to the nucleic acid corresponding to the second region in the 5'-3' arrangement of beta-casein gene.

- 20 2. The vector according to claim 1, wherein the length of the first region is 5.5 to 10kb.
 - 3. The vector according to claim 1, wherein the length of the second region is 3.0 to 3.2 kb.
 - 4. The vector according to claim 1, wherein the positive selection marker is selected from the group consisting of neomycin (Neo), hygromycin (Hyg), histidinol dehydrogenase gene (hisD) and guanine phosphosribosyltransferase (Gpt).

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5. The vector according to claim 1, wherein the vector further comprises a region for a negative selection marker.

- 5 6. The vector according to claim 5, wherein the negative selection marker is Diphtheria toxin (DT) gene.
 - 7. A vector according to claim 1 or 5 which is pBCKII, pBCKIII, pBCKIDTI or pBCKIDTII, is presented in FIG. 1, FIG.
- 10 2, FIG. 16, or FIG. 3, respectively.
 - 8. A bovine somatic cell which is beta-casein gene-targeted with the vector according to claim 1 or 5.
- 15 9. An embryo which is nuclear-transferred with the bovine somatic cell according to claim 8.
- 10. A method for producing a bovine beta-casein genetargeted somatic cell which comprises the steps of (1)

 20 introducing the bovine beta-casein gene-targeting vector according to claim 1 or 5 into an bovine somatic cell; (2) occurring homologous recombination events in the bovine somatic cell; and (3) selecting the bovine beta-casein gene-targeted somatic cell with a desired gene by homologous recombination.
 - 11. The method according to claim 10, wherein the vector in the step (1) is introduced into cells in form of linearized or deleted form lacking plasmid vector backbone.

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12. A method for generating transgenic cattle which comprise the steps of (1) introducing the bovine beta-casein gene-targeting vector according to claim 1 or 5 into a bovine somatic cell; (2) occurring homologous recombination events in the bovine somatic cell; (3) selecting the bovine beta-casein gene-targeted somatic cell with a desired gene by homologous recombination; (4) introducing the gene-targeted cell into a nuclear-removed bovine embryo to produce a nuclear-transferred embryo; and (5) implanting the embryo into a recipient.

13. A method obtaining a large scale of desired proteins from milk of the transgenic cattle, in accordance with the method of claim 12.

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